

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1        1. A method of video messaging comprising:  
2        in a transmission station:  
3                recording a video message in digital form;  
4                transmitting the recorded video message to a  
5        predetermined reception station;  
6        in a reception station  
7                storing a received video message in a nonvolatile  
8        memory; and  
9                at a time other than reception of the video  
10        message, displaying the stored video message to a user.

1        2. The method of video messaging of claim 1, further  
2        comprising:  
3        in the transmission station:  
4                encoding the digital form of the video message into  
5        an encoded video message; and  
6                wherein said step of transmitting transmits said  
7        encoded video message;  
8        in the reception station:  
9                wherein said step of displaying the video message  
10        includes decoding the encoded video message into a  
11        decoded video message and displaying the decoded video  
12        message.

1        3. The method of video messaging of claim 1, further  
2        comprising:  
3        in the transmission station:  
4                generating a digital attachment file;

5            wherein said transmitting step includes attaching  
6            the attachment file to the video message and transmitting  
7            both the video message and the attachment file to the  
8            reception station;

9            in the reception station:

10           wherein said storing step includes storing both the  
11           video message and the attachment file;

12           at a time other than reception of the video  
13           message, presenting the attachment file in a manner  
14           perceivable by a user.

1           4. The method of video messaging of claim 3, wherein:  
2           in the transmission station:

3           said attachment file consists of a word processing  
4           document;

5           in the reception station:

6           said step of presenting the attachment file  
7           includes running a word processing program compatible  
8           with the word processing document.

1           5. The method of video messaging of claim 3, wherein:  
2           in the transmission station:

3           said attachment file consists of a spreadsheet  
4           document;

5           in the reception station:

6           said step of presenting the attachment file  
7           includes running a spread sheet program compatible with  
8           the spreadsheet document.

1        6. The method of video messaging of claim 3, wherein:  
2 in the transmission station:

3            said attachment file consists of an audio file;  
4 in the reception station:

5            said step of presenting the attachment file  
6 includes generating an aurally perceivable indication of  
7 the audio file.

1        7. The method of video messaging of claim 6, further  
2 comprising:

3 in the transmission station:

4            encoding the audio file into a encoded audio file;  
5 and

6            wherein said transmitting step transmits said  
7 encoded audio file;

8 in the reception station:

9            wherein the step of generating an aurally  
10 perceivable indication of the audio file includes  
11 decoding the encoded audio file into a decoded audio file  
12 and generating an aurally perceivable indication of the  
13 decoded audio file.

1        8. The method of video messaging of claim 1, wherein:  
2 in the reception station:

3            said step of displaying the stored video message  
4 includes

5            generating a television signal modulated  
6 according to a predetermined standard, and

7           receiving and displaying the television signal  
8           employing a television receiver operating according  
9           to the predetermined standard.

1           9. The method of video messaging of claim 1, further  
2     comprising:  
3     in the reception station:  
4           at a time selected by a user other than reception  
5     of the video message, archiving the video message by  
6           generating a television signal modulated  
7           according to a predetermined standard, and  
8           receiving and recording the television signal  
9           employing a video cassette recorder operating  
10          according to the predetermined standard.